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In re the Application of

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For: WATERPROOF SHOE STRUCTURE WITH FOLDED INTERIOR UPPER

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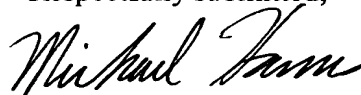
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. The references EP 0 544 270, EP 1 216 627 and WO 97/14326 were cited in a counterpart foreign application.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference EP 1 216 627 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. A co-pending U.S. patent application is identified on Form PTO 1449 of this Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application. U.S. Publication No. 2002/0078593 corresponds to U.S. Application No. 10/020,417.



6. U.S. Patent No. 5,505,011 is the English equivalent to EP 0 544 270, which was disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 19, 2004.

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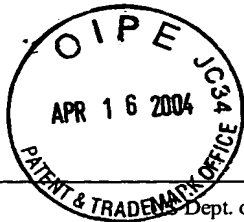
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		EP 1 216 627 A1 (with Abstract)	6/26/2002	EUROPE			
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